

Newsletter October 2013

Your pathway to fun! Great parks, great programs, great events, all family friendly!





Greetings

Welcome

Fall is here, and with it brings vibrant colors, changing of the leaves, pumpkin carving, pumpkin flavored things, hot chocolate, and colder temperatures.

Colder temperatures may not be everyone's favorite thing, but it does mean that Halloween is just around the corner!

We have some exciting things coming up and cannot wait for all the fun that we're going to have this month!

Our Mission...

The Richmond Parks and Recreation department provides for the positive development and well being of the Richmond community through the provision of parks, greenways, trails and recreational programming and facilities while working in cooperation with other service providers and partners in the community to maximize all available resources.

Volunteer!

We need volunteers to assist us at many of our events. Volunteer tasks may include: setting up and running children's games, leading arts and crafts, monitoring lines, tearing down, etc.

To show our appreciation for the hours of service donated by our volunteers, we have created an incentive program. Organizations can sign up for the program and then we will keep a log of hours donated. These hours can then be traded for facility rentals. If you would like more information, please contact our office today!

RICHMOND PARKS SERECREATION

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Get in Touch!

Let us know your comments or concerns!

Address:

2200 East Main Street Glen Miller Park (next to playground) Richmond, IN 47374

Contact:

Telephone: (765) 983-PARK (7275) Email: parks@richmondindiana.gov

Hours: Monday - Friday; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. www.richmondindiana.gov

Other Important Numbers:

Cordell Municipal Pool: 983-7292 Middlefork Reservoir: 983-7293

Richmond Community Senior Center: 983-7300

What's New

Saying Bye

This week marks Blair Beach's last days at the Parks Department. She has left to pursue other opportunities, and we wish her the best of luck in her future endevors. On September 26, she posted this farewell to the Richmond Parks and Recreation Facebook page:



* Magical dream job

"For the past 6 years, it's been a true joy to work for the City of Richmond's Parks and Recreation Department. I want to thank the community for all of their support, their comments, their ideas, and for making my first "real" job a magical dream job. Thank you and please continue to support Richmond Parks and Recreation!

-Blair Beach"

Park Department Website

We are still working on updating our website. It's been a tedious process, and we would like your suggestions. You can find it at www.richmondindiana.gov. From there, navigate to the Parks Department page.

Creating a whole new website has taken a lot of time in addition to planning our programs. We think it's getting to look pretty good, but need an outside eye!

What needs added? Can you find everything you're looking for? Please send suggestions to aestabrook@richmondindiana.gov.



Social Media

Are you on social media? We are too! Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/richmondparks. You can also follow us on Twitter at twitter. com/RichmondINParks.

These sites will be able to update you the quickest. Feel free to ask us questions and interact with us on these sites too.

Please note that the typical office day is Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Questions posted on our social media sites may not be answered during the evening or weekend.

Disclaimer: The purpose of our social media is to provide updates and present matters of public importance. While the City welcomes comments, the page is not a public forum. Any inappropriate comments are subject to removal by the moderator.



Halloween Happenings

Homerun Haunt

Richmond Parks and Recreation is teaming up with the Richmond RiverRats to give families a scary good time!

We're rounding up all the fun you can squeeze into the stadium!

We'll have organizations there with games to play and information to hand out. Children will receive a free bucket and will be able to fill it up with all the candy and prizes we will be passing out.



The Pumpkin Dash will happen again this year. And it's not a Halloween party unless there's a costume contest! So make sure you dress to impress!

The Parks Department is bringing an inflatable slide

and obstacle course! It can't get much better than this!

It's at McBride Stadium from 4-6 p.m. Gates open at 3:30.

If you know of an organization that would like to participate, please contact Alisha Estabrook at aestabrook@richmondindiana.gov.

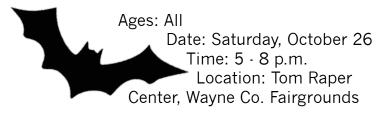
Halloween Howl

Mark your calendar now, and plan on joining us for Halloween Howl on a NEW day of the week-Saturday, October 26 at the Tom Raper

Center at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. As usual, we will offer up all the scary fun your family can handle!

We'll have games, prizes, inflatable obstacle course, and candy. Lots and lots of candy!

This is a free event, although we do ask that you please bring a canned good item to donate.



** We would like to thank Natco Credit Union for sponsoring this event.



Halloween Notes

We hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable Halloween this year!

For Halloween safety tips, please visit: www.cdc.gov/family/halloween/





4-6 pm

at 3:30

and free candy bucket

A Thrilling Good Time!

Face Painting . Games. Prizes Candy . Costume Contest . Free Fun Pumpkin Dash . Creepy Crawlies





UP SOME FAMILY FUN! JOIN US AT THE TOM RAPER CENTER,
WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS FOR A "BOO-TASTIC" TIME!



Later in 2013

Frostbite 5K

Don't miss out on the last race in the Wayne County Challenge, happening December 7 at 5 p.m.

Take an evening run or walk through Glen Miller Park, and stay afterward for the Celebration of Lights.

Here's one runner's description of the Frostbite 5K: "A fun early evening run through luminaries on the rolling hills of Glen Miller Park. The course has been the same for several years, entirely on paved roads. Buffalo Hill comes late in the race, and the finish is a long, fast downhill after the hill's crest."



For more information about the Wayne County Challenge, please visit www.wcchallenge.org.

In memory of Rosemary Weigel.

Celebration of Lights

Our annual 'Welcome to Winter" happens in Glen Miller Park. The park becomes a winter wonderland when we line the roads with thousands of luminaries. To add to the atmosphere, we feature carriage rides around the lake, seasonal music, a visit from Santa Claus, hot chocolate and more.



After joining us in the Rosemary Weigel Frostbite 5K, we suggest you bundle up to take a serene stroll through the park!

Cost: Free Ages: All

Dates: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 6 - 9 p.m.

Location: Glen Miller Park



Winter Break Camp

When the colder months draw near, we'll put our more information about Winter Break Camp! Keep an eye out on our Facebook and Twitter for more information.



Facility Rentals

Your Event in the Park

We have enclosed and open-air shelters throughout Richmond. Let one of our cabins, outdoor shelters or pavilions be the host of your special event! From birthday parties to bridal showers to church gatherings, our facilities are perfect places for your groups to meet. Rent by calling (765) 983-7275 or stopping by the Parks Office in Glen Miller Park.

- ** Most enclosed rentals include indoor restrooms and kitchen facilities.
- ** A \$50.00 key/damage deposit is required for enclosed facilities when you pick up your key.
- ** All Open Air Shelters have a 50 percent discount on weekdays (except holidays).

Glen Miller Park

Enclosed Facilities:

Mac's Shack: Capacity: 36

Rate: \$60.00 Holiday Rate: \$85.00

Charles House: Capacity: 40

Rate: \$70.00 Holiday Rate: \$95.00

*Handicap Ramp; A/C

Don's Cabin: Capacity: 66

Rate: \$70.00 Holiday Rate: \$95.00

Glen Miller Band Shell: Certificate of Liability Required

\$275.00/day; \$200 deposit

Open Air Shelters:

Medium Shelters (#3,7-11): Capacity 36 - 54

\$39.75

Large Shelter (#4): Capacity 96

\$45.00

X-Large Shelter (#2): Capacity 120

\$50.50

Starr Gennett Building

Enclosed Facility: Capacity 600 Certificate of Liability Required \$275.00/day; \$200 deposit

Mary Scott Park

Enclosed Facility: Capacity: 42

Rate: \$70.00 Holiday Rate: \$95.00

Open Air Shelter: Capacity 36

\$45.00

Springwood Lake Park

Enclosed Facility: Capacity 150

Rate: \$150.00 Holiday Rate: \$175.00

Open Air Shelter: Capacity: 36

\$39.75

Middlefork Reservoir

Enclosed Facility: Capacity 54 Available April 1– October 31

Rate: \$65.00 Holiday Rate: \$95.00

Open Air Shelters:

Medium Shelter (#1): Capacity 40

\$45.00

Large Shelters (#3, 4): Capacity 54

\$45.00

Other:

Richmond Senior Community Center - Call 983-7300 Cordell Municipal Pool - Call 983-7292



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NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the City of Richmond, Indiana, will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The City of Richmond, Indiana does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title I of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The City of Richmond will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the City of Richmond programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communication accessible to people who have speech, hearing or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The City of Richmond will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcome in the City of Richmond offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the City of Richmond, should contact the office of D. Sue Roberson, ADA Coordinator, by telephone (765-983-7244) or email (sroberson@richmondindiana.gov) as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the City of Richmond, Indiana, to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of it programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden. Complains that a program, service or activity of the City of Richmond, Indiana, is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to D. Sue Roberson, ADA Coordinator, 50 North 5th Street, Richmond, IN 47374, telephone 765-983-7244, or email sroberson@richmondindiana.gov.

The City of Richmond, Indiana, will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

City of Richmond, Indiana Grievance Procedure Under The American with Disabilities Act

This Grievance Procedure is established for the City of Richmond, Indiana, to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"). It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits by the City of Richmond, Indiana. The City's Personnel Policy governs employment-related complaints of disability discrimination.

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number of complainant and location, date and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request. The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to:

D. Sue Roberson ADA Coordination/Director of Human Resources City of Richmond, Indiana 50 North Fifth Street Richmond, IN 47374

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, D. Sue Roberson as ADA Coordinator, or her designee, will meet with complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days of the meeting, D. Sue Roberson as ADA Coordinator, or her designee, will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille, or audio tape. The response will explain the position of the City of Richmond, Indiana, and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.



Staff Directory

Administration Staff

Bill Thistlethwaite	Superintendent	983-7276	billt@richmondindiana.gov
Jim Dykes	Assistant, Superintendent	983-7423	jdykes@richmondindiana.gov
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Sheila Mills	Administrative Assistant	983-7270	
Faye Paul	Receptionist	983-7275	
Penny Klusman	Part-time Bookkeeper	983-7277	

Recreation Staff

Alisha Estabrook	Special Projects Coordinator	983-7420	aestabrook@richmondindiana.gov
Leslie Hall	Senior Services Coordinator	983-7300	lhall@richmondindiana.gov
Marshall Ma	Wellness Coordinator	983-7425	marshall@richmondindiana.gov
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Parks and Recreation Board

Deanna Beaman President
Mike Foley Vice President
Dr. Karen Montgomery Member
Gary Turner Member
Clay Miller City Council Liaison

Important Phone Numbers

Maintenance Building 983-7319 Municipal Pool 983-7292 Senior Center 983-7300

Middlefork Reservoir 983-7293 Highland Lake Golf Course 983-7287

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